

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

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Transportation Update

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CMA Adopts Final Project List for State Funding

After accounting for advances and projects in previous programs, Alameda County has approximately \$29 million for new projects, new phases of existing projects and cost increases on existing projects. This small amount of funding contrasts to applications the CMA has received totaling over \$190 million. In addition to the difficult task of winnowing this list down, the CTC has given each county targets for spreading existing projects over the five years of the new State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

At its November 17th meeting, the CMA adopted a final list of projects for the new funds and a re-spreading of existing projects. The following projects were included in the list to receive new funding:

- BART Oakland Airport Connector
- AC Transit's Int'l/Telegraph Rapid Bus
- LAVTA's satellite bus operating facility
- Union City Intermodal Station
- Right of way for improvements at the I-880 42nd Ave/High St interchange
- Vasco Road Safety Improvements

In several cases, existing projects were shifted to later years. However, because much of the new state funding is transit specific, some transit projects were moved to earlier years. The complete details of this program are available at the CMA offices or on the CMA's website. MTC will incorporate the Alameda County projects in the regional program, which includes the other eight counties in the Bay Area. The regional program will then be forwarded to the CTC in January for its consideration. The CTC is expected to adopt a new STIP in April of 2006.

CMA Finds All Jurisdictions in Conformance with Congestion Management Program

Each year the CMA assesses whether local jurisdictions are in conformance with its congestion management program. Local jurisdictions must abide by the requirements of the land use analysis element, transportation demand management requirements, level of service standards, reporting on deficiency plans in progress and other aspects of the program. Failure to conform could risk gas tax subventions to the affected city or County. At its November meeting, the CMA Board has found all jurisdictions in conformance with the requirements of the CMP.

2005 Congestion Management Program Adopted

The final 2005 CMP was adopted at the CMA Board meeting on November 17, 2005. Copies of the document are available at the CMA offices, in libraries and on the CMA's web site.

I-580 in the Livermore Valley Selected for HOT Lane

At its November meeting, the CMA selected I-580 in the Livermore Valley as the most promising next corridor for a high occupancy toll (HOT) lane. HOT lanes permit single occupant vehicles to use the carpool lane for a fee. Carpools, vanpools and busses would still go free. More detailed feasibility studies will now be conducted to determine if the carpool lanes now being designed for the corridor would be productive if operated as HOT lanes. AB 2032 (Dutra; 2004) authorized

two high occupancy toll lanes in Alameda County. The legislation identified one corridor as I-680 between Route 84 in Sunol and Route 237 in Milpitas. The second corridor was not designated in the bill. HOV lanes either exist or are planned on I-80, I-880, I-680 and I-580 in the Livermore Valley. Pricing studies have been completed for the I-680, I-880 and I-580 corridors. The findings from the studies indicate that the I-580 corridor is the best candidate for the second HOT Lane authorized by AB 2032.

State of Transportation in Alameda County Report Approved

The CMA Board has approved the 2004-05 Performance Report, "State of Transportation in Alameda County." The report includes data on the state of the roadway and transit system. The report is available at the CMA offices or on the website.

Report on CMA Sponsored Capital Projects Available

The CMA is the sponsor of several projects – improvements in the I-580 and I-680 corridors, improvements in the Dumbarton Bridge approach corridor, improvements on I-880 in Oakland, and various traffic flow and rapid bus improvements in northern Alameda County. These projects are in different stages of development – environmental documentation, engineering, and construction. The report on these projects is available at the CMA offices or on the CMA's website.

Federal Funds At Risk Report Available

The Quarterly At Risk report for projects programmed with federal funds is available at the CMA offices or on the CMA's web site. This report indicates which projects need attention in order to meet deadlines.

Deadlines to Note

<u>2006 State Transportation Improvement</u> Program (STIP)

MTC Adopts Regional Program Jan 2006 CTC Adopts 2006 STIP April 2006

<u>Transportation for Livable Communities</u> Program: County Share (\$7 million)

Draft Program Dec 2005 Final Program Jan 2006

Local Streets & Roads Rehab: Cycle 3 Federal STP (approx. \$9.1 million)

Draft Program Jan 2006 Final Program Feb 2006

Upcoming Meetings

December 2 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee Workshop

6 CMA Technical Advisory Committee

12 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee

12 CMA Plans & Programs Committee

14/15 CTC (San Francisco)

22 CMA Board Meeting

January 3 CMA Technical Advisory
Committee

9 CMA Administration & Legislation Committee

9 CMA Plans & Programs Committee

9 I-680 Smart Carpool Lane Policy Advisory Committee

20 Tri Valley Triangle Analysis Policy Advisory Committee

26 CMA Board Meeting

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